

Please Note: There will not be an NDE Bulletin the week of November 25.

****Submission Window Reminder****

2012-2013 Follow-up Collection #2 **OPEN: November 1 DUE: November 15**
2012-2013 Follow-up Audit #2* **Open: November 16 Close: November 30**

Contact: NDE Helpdesk (888-285-0556 or nde.helpdesk@nebraska.gov)

Public systems and Special Purpose systems only

TITLE I PROGRAMS: 2012-2013 for students served Title I during summer 2013 who were not reported during the regular school year.

STUDENT GRADES: For courses completed during summer 2013 and count toward the 2012-2013 school year.

***Data submitted during this submission window must be approved**

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2013-2014 November Collection **OPEN: November 1 DUE: November 15**
2013-2014 November Audit* **Open: November 16 Close: November 30**

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STUDENT GRADES: For courses completed during summer 2013 and count toward the 2013-2014 school year.

STUDENT SUMMARY ATTENDANCE: First day of school through October 15.

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****Submission Window Reminder****

2013-2014 Year End **OPEN: November 1 DATA EXTRACT: December 3**

Contact: NDE Helpdesk (888-285-0556 or nde.helpdesk@nebraska.gov)

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STUDENT, SCHOOL ENROLLMENT and YEAR-END SPED SNAPSHOT.

Data extracted December 3 **for preprinted labels for ELDA and NeSA-Writing.**



Portal Accounts – Up to Date?

Contact: NDE Helpdesk (888-285-0556 or nde.helpdesk@nebraska.gov)

We are updating our Superintendent and Principal email list to make sure we have the most current data. Please go into your Portal account and verify that we have the correct email address. If you have recently become a new Superintendent or Principal and need assistance setting up a Portal account please contact the NDE Helpdesk.



School Improvement Grant Waiver Notice

Contact: Diane Stuehmer (402-471-1740 or diane.stuehmer@nebraska.gov)

Nebraska will be requesting five waivers related to the Fiscal Year (F) Y2013 School Improvement Grant

application. The complete waiver notice is available at <http://www.education.ne.gov/federalprograms/Index.html>, beneath the “Waiver Request Notices” header in the right-hand column. A brief synopsis of the waivers being requested is found below.

Comments regarding the intended waiver requests are encouraged (but not required) and should be submitted via email to diane.stuehmer@nebraska.gov by 5:00 p.m. Friday, November 29, 2013.

Waiver 1: Tier II waiver

In order to enable the State to generate new lists of Tier I, Tier II, and Tier III schools for its FY 2013 competition, waive paragraph (a)(2) of the definition of “persistently lowest-achieving schools” in Section I.A.3 of the SIG final requirements and incorporation of that definition in identifying Tier II schools under Section I.A.1(b) of those requirements to permit the State to include, in the pool of secondary schools from which it determines those that are the persistently lowest-achieving schools in the State, secondary schools participating under Title I, Part A of the ESEA that have not made adequate yearly progress (AYP) for at least two consecutive years or are in the State’s lowest quintile of performance based on proficiency rates on the State’s assessments in reading/language arts and mathematics combined.

Waiver 2: n-size waiver

In order to enable the State to generate new lists of Tier I, Tier II, and Tier III schools for its FY 2013 competition, waive the definition of “persistently lowest-achieving schools” in Section I.A.3 of the SIG final requirements and the use of that definition in Section I.A.1(a) and (b) of those requirements to permit the State to exclude, from the pool of schools from which it identifies the persistently lowest-achieving schools for Tier I and Tier II, any school in which the total number of students in the “all students” group in the grades assessed is less than 30.

Waiver 3: Priority schools list waiver

N/A

Waiver 4: Period of availability of FY 2013 funds Waiver

Note: This waiver only applies to FY 2013 funds for the purpose of making three-year awards to eligible LEAs. Waive section 421(b) of the General Education Provisions Act (20 U.S.C. § 1225(b)) to extend the period of availability of FY 2013 school improvement funds for the SEA and all of its LEAs to September 30, 2017.

Waiver 5: School improvement timeline waiver

Waive section 1116(b)(12) of the ESEA to permit LEAs to allow their Tier I, Tier II, and Tier III Title I participating schools that will fully implement a turnaround or restart model beginning in the 2014–2015 school year to “start over” in the school improvement timeline.

Waiver 6: Schoolwide program waiver

Waive the 40 percent poverty eligibility threshold in section 1114(a)(1) of the ESEA to permit LEAs to implement a schoolwide program in a Tier I, Tier II, or Tier III participating school that does not meet the poverty threshold and is fully implementing one of the four school intervention models.

HOW TO CONTACT THE NDE HELPDESK

There are three ways to contact the NDE Helpdesk with questions.

All three ways get to the same place, so please only use one of the following options.

If you send more than one request this may delay our response as we coordinate all requests.

1. Submit a “Helpdesk Request” from your portal account. After logging into the NDE Portal, it is available in the upper right corner of the Collection Announcement page. This will be the fastest way to get your request to the NDE Helpdesk.

OR

2. Email: nde.helpdesk@nebraska.gov

OR

- a. Call Toll Free: 888-285-0556

Please leave your full name, organization, call back number and a brief description of your question.

ALSO: If you have contacted your area's NDE Trainer, please do not also contact the Helpdesk. Multiple contacts will delay the response.

THANK YOU!

NDE Bulletin now available in RSS Feed

Contact: NDE Helpdesk (888-285-0556 or nde.helpdesk@nebraska.gov)

We have added an RSS feed that users can subscribe to. Don't forget that the current and past NDE Bulletins can always be found at <http://www.education.ne.gov/ndebulletins/index.html>. The RSS feature can be found at the above webpage in the upper right hand corner (orange icon). RSS feeds can be used with Outlook and a number of web-based feed readers. At this time we will also continue to send the bulletin out via e-mail.

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